

# Vignettes of Julius J. Marke\*

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¶1 In 1960, I received a letter from Julius Marke asking if I was interested in a job as reference librarian at New York University. I responded in the affirmative and, if I am not mistaken, was accepted without a personal interview. (Philip Cohen of Oceana Publications always took credit for my being hired as in those days he made the rounds of libraries).

¶2 I do not believe Julius ever gave me instructions as to how to be a reference librarian. He threw me to the wolves, if law students will forgive the metaphor. Soon after, I joined Julius and a group of recent graduates hired by the school in teaching an introductory course to about 250 first-year law students. At that time, NYU had evening students and was not yet considered one of the ten best law schools, a rating, I always kidded Julius, that came after I arrived.

¶3 There were two things I observed about Julius during the eighteen years I served under him (and afterwards) that left an indelible impression on me. One was his encouragement of others to do their thing. For instance, Justice Holmes was a favorite of both Julius and myself. When I was collecting anecdotes about Holmes for my *Justice Holmes, Ex Cathedra*,<sup>1</sup> I approached Julius about it, and he not only encouraged me but offered advice and anecdotes. The second and more important quality was his sense of humor. Over the years we had sessions where both of us laughed ourselves sick and I will only relate one of them. Back in the 1960s, we would invite a representative from Prentice-Hall to offer a session in tax research to our students. One time, a very fine gentleman came and did an excellent job, but he had a speech impediment that prevented him from saying words that began with a “k” or a “ch.” He dropped in on Julius and myself to bid us good-bye, and after he left, we looked at one another. One of us decided that Prentice-Hall had hired the man not because he knew his stuff, but because he couldn’t pronounce Commerce Clearing House.

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\* *Compiler’s Note:* As Julius J. Marke was the author of the acclaimed *Vignettes of Legal History* series, it seemed only fitting that this collection of fond remembrances of him be so titled.

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1. EDWARD J. BANDER, *JUSTICE HOLMES, EX CATHEDRA* (1966).

**Albert O. Brecht\***

¶1 My story about Julius Marke is very short, but first let me offer a general observation. Having reached my thirty-year mark in a full-time position in law librarianship, I have increasing respect for the few law librarians who remain upbeat and involved in the profession in one way or another until the end of their lives. Julius was certainly one of those. I don't know what it is that makes these long-time law librarians different than the rest of us, but if it is ever discovered and packaged for sale, I will be first in line to buy it!

¶2 And now for my Julius story. In April 1973, I was completing my degree in the University of Washington's law librarianship program by participating in a one-month field work assignment at the Yale Law School library. Part of my field work included spending a few days in New York City talking with the law library directors at New York University and Columbia. I visited with Julius one morning and near the end of our conversation I asked him, as was appropriate in those days, "What is the book count of your collection?" Julius reached inside his suit coat and pulled out a small note pad. He flipped the pages and then said \_\_\_\_\_ volumes—as of last night. You can see why I never will forget this revealing vignette of Julius.

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¶1 Many of us know something about Julius Marke. For example, those who have read *Vignettes of Legal History*<sup>1</sup> know that it is one of the finest legal history books ever written—erudite, yet eminently readable. His catalog of the New York University law school library's legal collection<sup>2</sup> is perhaps the finest legal bibliography ever written—comprehensive and aspirational for any collection. But those of us who were fortunate enough to have worked under his tutelage know another aspect of this remarkable person—Julius as a mentor. Although he retired from NYU about three years after he hired me, his influence is constant to this day. The professional demands he placed on his staff were coupled with, and tempered by, his unstinting support of the individual librarian as a respected professional.

¶2 On my first day at NYU in 1978, Julius called me into his office and said there was only one rule I had to remember: we take care of our faculty and stu-

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1. JULIUS J. MARKE, *VIGNETTES OF LEGAL HISTORY* (1965).

2. *A CATALOGUE OF THE LAW COLLECTION AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, WITH SELECTED ANNOTATIONS* (Julius J. Marke ed., 1953).

dents. In his eulogy, former NYU law school dean Norman Redlich explained Julius' "genius," noting that, except for setting the library budget every year, Julius took full and complete responsibility for all library issues. Julius believed the dean should never have to hear about them. Julius' directive to me was similar in nature. My colleague Liz Evans and I were responsible for reference. If a patron needed library service, we had to do everything in our power to provide it. Julius should never have to hear about it—if he did, it probably meant we were not taking care of it satisfactorily. I tried to never let Julius down. Yet, I remember one occasion when I could not find a requested source and was a bit nervous when, after a day or two of searching, I went to inform Julius. But having been a reference librarian himself, he understood that some questions had no answers. And this is exactly how Julius responded, adding, "I'll tell the faculty member myself"—not "you go tell him," but "I'll tell him on behalf of the library." He trusted that you pursued every avenue—and you better have—then gave you his full support. This was the flip side of his demand that he not hear about most reference questions—if they could be answered, just do it.

¶3 Of great importance to me was Julius' support and mentoring when I was ready to assume broader professional responsibilities. After two years living at the reference desk, I became itchy and started pondering my next career move. Observing the traditional pattern, I asked Julius if there was any administrative work I could do. There was nothing available at the time, but Julius said he would think more about the subject. Two weeks later, he called me into his office and asked if I would be interested in working with a newly retired professor (Henry Foster, who had just played a role in passage of New York's equitable distribution law). Professor Foster was contemplating a publication on the subject and looking for someone to work with him. I decided to give it a try. Upon the publication of the first issue of *Fairshare: The Matrimonial Law Monthly*, which Professor Foster and I edited together for many years, I immediately brought a copy to Julius. He asked for several more, placing one in his file and sending another to the dean after he had highlighted my name and NYU association as well that of the other NYU faculty who had agreed to be on the board. He told me that he wanted the whole law school to know what his librarians did and could do.

¶4 These experiences are the type that do not just happen and are over. As a newly minted law librarian, they were formative. They helped shape my entire professional life and attitude as a librarian. The message was simple, almost too obvious to state: you give, you get—if I can rely on you to provide quality service, you will have my complete support institutionally and in your broader professional endeavors. Easily said, but not always easy to carry out. It takes a person who understands this intuitively. Julius knew it because rooted in his personality were the highest professional standards and a generous heart. And, lest I forget, always with a sense of humor.

**Michael G. Chiorazzi\***

¶1 What was not to love about Julius Marke!?! Whether it was through one of his *New York Law Journal* columns or meeting him in person, his enthusiasm for who we are and what we do was contagious. At well past eighty years of age, he could still be found roaming the exhibition hall or engaging in animated conversations with colleagues. His enthusiasm for his profession gave me, and still gives me, comfort. After more than fifty years in the profession, he still loved what he was doing! Now that is a role model.

¶2 I first met Julius in 1981, at my first AALL Annual Meeting. I was introduced to him by my teacher, mentor, and spiritual guru, Marian Gallagher. She and Julius were decades-old friends. As a student of Marian, I had heard about some of the great conventions of old from her. They were clearly the highlight of her year, and I was excited to be attending my first. Now here I was, meeting one of her lifelong partners-in-crime. Julius oozed energy and had a sparkle in his eye. My immediate reaction was that I had come upon a leprechaun. It amazed me to think that these two librarians were friends and colleagues for longer than I had been living. I remember thinking this is very, very cool: I am entering a profession where I will meet people I will know for the rest of my life.

¶3 I only knew Julius as a professional acquaintance. I had interviewed him when I was writing a biographical article about an earlier law library great, William Roalfe,<sup>1</sup> but my primary contact with him was through my favorite event at each year's AALL Annual Meeting: the Matthew Bender awards dinner. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to receive an AALL scholarship or grant funded by the Matthew Bender Company are rewarded, in perpetuity, by an invitation to the dinner it (and now LexisNexis) hosts on the Monday night of each AALL Annual Meeting in honor of the current year's new recipients. It is always a wonderful affair. We are known in Association lore as "Bender Babies."

¶4 Julius was always a force at the dinner. He would work the room and could always be counted on to lead a toast to our hosts. He was always gracious and charming. Through the 1980s and into the early 1990s, he could also be counted on to lead us all in a song, "The Meeting O' the AA Double L," better known to many as "Ye Ought to Gae There." If you've never heard it sung, that's a real shame. The words were written by AALL member Jim Kelley for a skit called "Trail Bosses" that was presented at the 1960 AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. The music comes from the Scottish song "I Love a Lassie." Julius sang the song in the skit—how I wish it had been recorded! The cast included a

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1. Michael G. Chiorazzi, *William R. Roalfe: Builder of Libraries, Scholar, Association Animal*, in *LAW LIBRARIANSHIP: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES* 215 (Laura N. Gasaway & Michael G. Chiorazzi eds., 1996).

who's who of our profession: Frances Farmer, Kate Wallach, and Marian Gallagher, all former AALL presidents; and other notables like Dan Henke, Gene Wypyski, Jim McArdle, Bill Gaunt, and Albert Blaustein. The part of Doc was played by—he must have been a teenager—Roy Mersky!

*The Meeting O' the AA Double L<sup>2</sup>*

(Air: I Love a Lassie)

Ye ought to gae there, a merry time ye'll hey there,  
Tis always at a very good hotel;  
All the lads and all the lasses who tend law books for the masses  
Come to hae a guid time just amang theirsel'.  
And it hardly costs a penny, for the publishers are many,  
Who pay, and have a grand time there as well.  
I must make a sma confession, I did not attend one session;  
If the boss knew he would gie me hell.

Chorus

Ye ought to gae there, a merry time ye'll hae there,  
At the meetin' o' the AA double L.  
Och the fuid is mae guid there, the whiskey flows sae free there,  
The meetin' o' the AA double L.

Ye ought to gae there, a merry time ye'll ha ether,  
At the meetin' o' the AA double L.  
Och, I had tae meet the fellers, who represent law book sellers  
So I packed ma kilt and went off there ma'sel'.  
I went to Monticello, where a bonny dapper fellow  
Called Fred Rothman if my memor's not amiss,  
Discussed with great precision, cutting costs in acquisition,  
Which filled my Scottish heart wi' bliss.

Chorus (repeat)

Ye ought to gae there, a merry time ye'll hae there,  
If a paerson for your opening you seek,  
Och, they all get together, in that bonnie summer weather,  
And they sit and eat and drink for near a week;  
They have panels and discussions, which have no repercussions,  
To me the whole thing sounds like Greek.

Chorus (repeat)

Repeat the first verse and the chorus.

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2. The handwritten notes on my copy of the song state, "If you can't sing, sing loud!"

¶5 Sadly, as the Bender dinner grew larger and as more and more Bender Babies were added to the fold, most no longer knew of the accomplishments and reputation of this little man trying to lead us all in song. Inevitably, the little tradition faded away. Times had changed, the profession was now much larger, and old friends getting together to sing an old song filled with fond memories no longer cut it. And finally, with the change in ownership of Matthew Bender, there were no company old-timers to lift a glass to Julius' memory at last year's dinner in Seattle. Had those who were there known Julius' place in the dinner's history, I'm sure they would have.

¶6 Julius is a part of some of my fondest memories of AALL Annual Meetings. I loved him for it and I will truly miss him. Even his occasional long-windedness was amusing. I chuckled every time he would get up in a business meeting and go on and on and on about a point of debate, and didn't for a moment think of this as a waste of our time. I always felt that through his service to, and his passion for, all the lads and all the lasses who tend law books for the masses, we owed him that time.

### Morris L. Cohen\*

¶1 When I became a law librarian in 1958, Julius Marke was already one of our leading figures in our profession. As he did for so many other beginners, he reached out to me, welcomed me into law librarianship, introduced me to others at meetings of AALL and LLAGNY, and generally offered encouragement, counseling, and support. Julius gave of his time and knowledge unstintingly. His generosity eased the difficulties of professional incubation for many law librarians. His welcoming smile and cheerful approach made entry into the crowded, noisy atmosphere of an opening reception a far less intimidating experience for the newcomer.

¶2 One of Julius Marke's greatest contributions to law librarianship was his role as a pioneer in opening the profession to new ideas of service and collection development and new technical possibilities. I remember his calling a conference in the early 1960s on the use of microforms in law librarianship.<sup>1</sup> That meeting advanced and solidified the growing realization that miniaturization had enormous potential to improve both dissemination and storage of bulky and infrequently used materials. It undoubtedly stimulated support for the Law Library Microform Consortium, one of our profession's great achievements. Julius had a similar role in accelerating the acceptance of electronic storage and retrieval of law materials in the early 1970s. As early as 1964, he chaired a panel on computer science in

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1. See EXPANDING USE OF MICROFORM IN LAW LIBRARIES: PROCEEDINGS, APRIL 7, 1973, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (Frances Farmer, Julius J. Marke, & Erwin C. Surrency cochaired, 1973).

relation to law at the AALL Annual Meeting, offering a progress report on Project Lawsearch,<sup>2</sup> then a pilot project on the frontier of legal information. In 1968, again at an AALL Annual Meeting, he chaired and contributed to a panel on the relationship of copyright and new technology.<sup>3</sup> Julius had a strong interest in copyright problems which was manifested in his own library and in both national and local professional committees and meetings.

¶3 Several of Julius Marke's publications had major impact in reference work and collection development in law libraries, particularly in the academic sector. The *Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University*,<sup>4</sup> for which he was largely responsible, is still referred to and cited authoritatively in dealers' catalogs as "Marke." That catalog, with its helpful annotations, influenced collection development in many new libraries and was an invaluable aid to reference librarians everywhere.

¶4 Julius' interest in legal history resulted in the compilation of his fascinating essays on events and individuals in Anglo-American legal history, first published in 1965<sup>5</sup> and then in a second series in 1977.<sup>6</sup> The two were reprinted in an enlarged edition in the year 2000.<sup>7</sup> These most readable volumes, following in the tradition of Frederick C. Hicks' *Men and Books Famous in the Law*,<sup>8</sup> highlighted the scholarly role of law librarians. Coming as they did at a time when legal history was enjoying a revival in American law schools, they popularized historical scholarship and brought it to a wider audience. The increased interest in legal history, enhanced by the bicentennial celebrations, is apparent in our law schools and journals, as well as in the briefs of lawyers and the decisions of our appellate courts.

¶5 A third publication by Julius Marke, his *Deans' List of Recommended Reading for Prelaw and Law Students*,<sup>9</sup> is another work that proved very helpful to law librarians, as well as to students. Based on selections by law deans and faculties, which he then annotated, the book has not only been an aid to collection development in both college and law school libraries, but has also helped reference librarians when called upon to suggest readings to both prospective and matriculating law students.

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2. *Computer Science—Panel Discussion*, 58 LAW LIBR. J. 18, 18–23 (1964) (remarks of Julius J. Marke, "Progress Report on Project Lawsearch").
  3. *Can Copyright Law Respond to the New Technology?* 61 LAW LIBR. J. 387 (1968) (Julius J. Marke, moderator).
  4. A CATALOGUE OF THE LAW COLLECTION AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, WITH SELECTED ANNOTATIONS (Julius J. Marke ed., 1953).
  5. JULIUS J. MARKE, VIGNETTES OF LEGAL HISTORY (1965).
  6. JULIUS J. MARKE, VIGNETTES OF LEGAL HISTORY (2d ser. 1977).
  7. JULIUS J. MARKE, VIGNETTES OF LEGAL HISTORY (rev. & enlg. ed. 2000).
  8. FREDERICK C. HICKS, MEN AND BOOKS FAMOUS IN THE LAW (1921).
  9. JULIUS J. MARKE, DEAN'S LIST OF RECOMMENDED READING FOR PRELAW AND LAW STUDENTS, SELECTED BY THE DEANS AND FACULTIES OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS (1958); JULIUS J. MARKE & EDWARD J. BANDER, DEAN'S LIST OF RECOMMENDED READING FOR PRELAW AND LAW STUDENTS, SELECTED BY THE DEANS AND FACULTIES OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS (2d ed. 1984).

¶6 The life and work of Julius J. Marke, reflecting his open mind, his generosity of spirit, and his unceasing energy, will long be models for what law librarians can be and for what they can seek to accomplish. In an article Julius wrote for *Law Library Journal*, he quoted Justice Holmes as follows: "Every calling is great when greatly pursued."<sup>10</sup> There can be no doubt that Julius pursued his calling greatly.

### Dan F. Henke\*

¶1 I first met Julius Marke at the 1956 AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. My initial assessment of him as a legal scholar with vision and deep knowledge was readily confirmed during my employment interview with him.

¶2 How was I able to make such an assessment of a man whom I had never met? Because I had read portions of the unique annotated catalog of the New York University Law School Library that Julius had constructed for Dean Arthur Vanderbilt.<sup>1</sup> I wondered if only a wonk could have been so successful. Immediately, I found that Julius was no wonk but a passionate New Yorker who loved his city. Later he even told me that he feared the air in San Francisco because he could not see it. He had been an art librarian for the New York Public Library and had great appreciation for paintings and sculpture and the best museums of the world. He offered me a job to serve as his assistant which I declined to accept a head position, but from those early moments we became fast friends and later traveled the world with our families.

¶3 Julius and I had much in common because of our infantry service in World War II, although he was born in 1913 and I in 1924. He served in Walton Walker's Division in Patton's Third Army in France, while I served in the Tenth Mountain Division in Italy. From this experience we learned supervision and management of people and how to plan and execute programs and operations. Is it possible for you to remember any convention or meeting when Julius failed to contribute commentary? I think not, because he had a passion to contribute. He was always quick to make an estimate of a given situation and assign qualified personnel to cope with a problem for an acceptable solution.

¶4 In 1967, Julius and New York University sponsored a training institute for prominent academic law librarians which included participation by representatives of the leading law publishers. It proved to be a rewarding and delightful experience for those who attended and served as a model project for later institutes sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education at the University of California, Berkeley. Julius was one of the star performers for the teaching faculty from 1968 to 1970.

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10. Julius J. Marke, *The Glorious Uncertainty of Law Librarianship*, 57 *LAW LIBR. J.* 1, 7 (1964).

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1. A CATALOGUE OF THE LAW COLLECTION AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, WITH SELECTED ANNOTATIONS (Julius J. Marke ed., 1953).



His invariable sense of humor, knowledge, and kindness were deeply appreciated by participants. He was always up, never down, and robust and constructive in meeting the challenges of life. He had high standards for performance that were readily accepted by professionals.

¶5 One afternoon after class as Julius was returning to the apartment we had rented for him in Berkeley near Telegraph Avenue and the center of 1960s' commotion near "People's Park," he encountered a corpse in the gutter that he was obliged to step over gingerly to continue his walk. We apologized for the unsanitary condition of the street, but he seemed unperturbed as he explained conditions on Washington Square when a rock went through his office window. We were not surprised, though, when he chose to stay at the University Faculty Club the following year, far from the madding crowd.

¶6 Julius Marke's writings and scholarly contributions to law and legal literature are well represented in *Law Library Journal* and elsewhere, but I remember him best as the loving husband of Sylvia and the father of his daughter Lisie and grandfather of her adorable twins who brought him great pride and happiness.

### Patrick E. Kehoe\*

¶1 During the eleven years when I was a student worker at the University of Washington Law Library, the director, Marian Gallagher, frequently spoke to me about some of her director colleagues. Among those she mentioned was Julius Marke. It was obvious to me that there was something special about Julius. Marian depicted him as someone who seemed to really enjoy life and all the interactions he had with the people around him.

¶2 I first met Julius in Philadelphia at the 1968 AALL Annual Meeting, which was the first I attended. AALL was a small organization in those days and only about 250 attended its meetings. The official schedule left everyone with plenty of time for socializing. Al Coco, who had just become my boss that summer,<sup>1</sup> introduced me to just about everyone who was in attendance at that Annual Meeting. Julius, of course, was one of them, and he warmly welcomed me into the profession. My friendship with Julius began then and there and continued until his death.

¶3 During my years in law librarianship, I heard and enjoyed many stories about Julius Marke. Some of the most interesting were centered around a particular Annual Meeting in the early 1960s. It was an Annual Meeting unlike others in that it was held on an island in a relatively remote area of northern Michigan and Julius just happened

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1. *Editor's Note:* Alfred Coco, then the director of the University of Houston Law Library, later served as AALL president in 1977–78.

to be the president.<sup>2</sup> The location meant, of course, that everyone was pretty much trapped in the hotel and its immediate environs. Still, the stories about this meeting clearly suggested that everyone in attendance must have had one of the most enjoyable Annual Meeting experiences of their lives. Years after I first heard the stories, I took the time to read the reports and transcripts of that meeting in the *Law Library Journal*.<sup>3</sup> These confirmed my belief about it. Not just because of what I had heard about *his* meeting, I always looked forward to seeing Julius at Annual Meetings.

¶4 Later, as Julius aged, he remained active in the profession in ways that many of his contemporaries did not. Yes, he retired from New York University at about age sixty-five, as was the custom in those days, but then Julius just moved on to St. Johns where he worked for many more years. Julius also continued to come to AALL Annual Meetings and to vigorously participate in many of our debates and discussions. You always knew where Julius stood on any issue! Sometimes he and I disagreed, especially when it came to fiscal questions. At times I think he still viewed AALL as being just like it was when he was its president. This translated into his expectations that AALL's continued success was only going to come from the hard work of its volunteers. He and I differed on this in that I believed the days of AALL being able to rely *solely* on volunteers had passed. Still I respected him and his views and was appreciative of his willingness to share them.

¶5 At the time Julius joined the profession—and well into the time when he played a major leadership role in AALL—law librarians still dealt mainly with relatively few major sets of law books and a handful of publishers. He continued to be active and a leader through the profession's expansion and its evolution toward the use of nonprint media and greater reliance on broader, more international collections and additional publishers. I remember traveling to New York when Julius hosted one of the earliest conferences about the expanding role of microforms in law libraries. Finally, Julius remained active during the digital revolution. Frankly, I have a hunch that none of the changes bothered Julius. I am sure he must have thought that his years were a truly fascinating time to be a law librarian.

### Michael J. Lynch\*

¶1 This is a Julius Marke story told by Julius Marke. The last time I saw Julius was at the end of the AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis in 2001. I spent the last hour sitting around Jim McCue's used book booth with Jim and Julius, as the exhibitors were abandoning ship. Toward the end of a long ramble about legal history, law schools, publishing, and old librarians, Julius told the story of two older couples

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2. *Editor's Note*: Julius Marke was AALL president in 1962–63, and presided over the 56th Annual Meeting conducted on Mackinac Island, Michigan, July 4–7, 1963.

3. *Proceedings of the Fifty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries Held at Mackinac Island, Michigan, July 4–7, 1963*, 56 LAW LIBR. J. 322 (1963), 57 LAW LIBR. J. 2 (1964).

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meeting for dinner. The wives went in the kitchen while the husbands talked. One of the men was beginning to lose his memory, and after telling his friend about the excellent restaurant they had eaten in the previous night, he hesitated when trying to recall a name. He prompted his friend, "What's the name of a flower, it's red, lots of petals, you give it to someone you love?" The friend broke in—"Rose." The other said, "Right, Rose," and called out, "Rose, what was the name of that restaurant where we ate last night?"

¶2 Then the guards came around and told us it was time to leave.

### Roy M. Mersky\*

¶1 As anyone who knew Julius already knows, his passion for law librarianship and his zest for life were contagious. A million examples flood my mind, but I'll take a recent one. A couple of years ago Julius phoned my office when I was out. By the time I returned, my assistant was exclaiming about the many interesting features of the book jacket of the second edition of his *Vignettes of Legal History*.<sup>1</sup> Julius had described the scene on the book jacket so vividly and had told her so many intriguing tales that she borrowed my prepress copy to take home to read.

¶2 Every meeting Julius attended benefited from his presence. He always had something substantive and insightful to say, and the extent of his contributions to the profession will probably never be known. And Julius was always ahead of his time, which made his comments and observations particularly interesting. More years ago than I care to admit, Julius brought together a group of law librarians in New York to show us this amazing new machine that could copy without carbon paper. We would later learn to take Xerox machines for granted, but Julius' demonstration left an indelible impression on me and I remember being fascinated with the equipment and Julius' enthusiasm. Julius not only stayed on the forefront of technology, but he also had a seemingly endless stream of creative ideas that made even small talk stimulating.

¶3 Julius was such a bibliophile that it would be wrong not to mention his love of books and knowledge of them. His *Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University*<sup>2</sup> continues to be a great bibliographic tool decades after it was published and is an outstanding contribution to modern-day legal bibliography. His extensive writings over the years on topics as practical as law library insurance to his wonderful vignettes of legal history give an impression of the scope of his interests and the depth of his knowledge. Julius' reputation for excellent presentations made him a much sought-after speaker as well. At NYU he was routinely asked to give lectures

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1. JULIUS J. MARKE, *VIGNETTES OF LEGAL HISTORY* (2d ser. 1977).

2. *A CATALOGUE OF THE LAW COLLECTION AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, WITH SELECTED ANNOTATIONS* (Julius J. Marke ed., 1953).

to judges and law professors on legal research, and he was so well rounded and so well read that he could speak intelligently on any topic. Julius' trademark was to begin and end all talks with an anecdote from Anglo-American legal history.

¶4 For all of these reasons and more, Julius was an irreplaceable mentor. More than anything else, though, Julius was my close friend. I admired him for his irrepressible good nature, his dapper style, and his ability to communicate his love of books and the law. Like so many others, I miss him greatly.

### Carol Percaccia\*

¶1 Thirty years ago when Julius Marke was the director of the New York University Law Library, I was his secretary. He and I shared room 109 in the lobby of Vanderbilt Hall, I in the front office, he in the more private back office. I remember one Christmas season and something that happened on the day of the annual law school holiday party. Early on that day Professor Marke had disappeared to the faculty library to write his article for the *New York Law Journal*. He wanted to finish it before the holiday break. It seemed to me the closer it got to his deadline, the more motivated he got, but not before. That was his style. I did my best to deal with anyone who had to see him right away, but I was typing as fast as I could, since it was B.C.—before computers—and as he completed the pages, he would send them down to me from the library. When he finally finished writing the article and we dealt with the more pressing problems, he told me to go to the party. He would join us soon. I went to the party but was somewhat miffed at him for leaving the article for the last minute, as usual. Before long Julius joined us all in the lounge to celebrate not only the holidays, but the end of the semester.

¶2 When I returned to my office after the party to get my coat before going home, there on my desk was a small blue box with a white ribbon on it, along with a card. After reading the card and opening the box, I was elated. It was a lovely pin from Tiffany. It was the very first gift I had ever received from Tiffany, and I was thrilled. I knew his lovely wife Sylvia had picked the gift out, but it was so like Julius and Sylvia to be so thoughtful. The card wished me a Merry Christmas and thanked me for my help during the semester.

¶3 As it turned out, it was just the first of many lovely gifts over the years from Tiffany and Julius.

### Edward Re\*\*

¶1 We, the members of the family, friends, colleagues, admirers, and coworkers in the vineyards of the law and law libraries, gather here today to honor, express our

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friendship, and bid our friend Julius J. Marke our heartfelt farewell. Surely, each of us here, assembled to pay tribute and honor to the memory of Julius J. Marke and his family, would undoubtedly express his or her recollections and thoughts about Julius differently. Each of us could recount many specific recollections and memories. Certain traits or themes, however, would be common to all of the presentations. All would speak, although in different ways, of gratitude and friendship, and many, of course, would add good humor, with specific examples of witticisms and humorous vignettes.

¶2 Each of us who thinks of Julius J. Marke, regardless of the nature of our relationship, must find that our thoughts include feelings of love, friendship, and joy. Were time to permit, each of us would be able to tell of some way in which he affected and influenced our lives. Each of us could tell of countless witticisms, anecdotes, and experiences in which Julius played a vital role.

¶3 It would not be difficult to speak of the long and distinguished career of Julius J. Marke, the lawyer, law professor, and renowned law librarian. It would not be difficult to enumerate his earned degrees and memberships in distinguished professional societies and associations, as well as the literary contributions of his scholarship. The difficulty would be in attempting to capture the warmth, wit, and friendship that Julius Marke manifested throughout his long and productive life.

¶4 His distinguished career as a law librarian at New York University School of Law commenced in 1942 and continued after his service in the United States Army in World War II. It was as “The Librarian” that Julius Marke was known at the New York University School of Law. (It is interesting to note that the New York University Library online catalog is named “Julius” in honor of its famous librarian.) That career continued until his more recent association at St. John’s Law School where he served as professor and librarian from 1984 to 1995 and where he served as distinguished research professor since 1995.

¶5 The *Dean’s List of Recommended Readings*,<sup>1</sup> *Legal Research and Law Library Management*,<sup>2</sup> and *Vignettes of Legal History*<sup>3</sup> authored by Professor Marke are books well known to law students and members of the legal profession. Although the names of authors of books will survive after the lives of the authors, Julius Marke will probably be best remembered because he was the compiler and editor of *A Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University with Selected Annotations*.<sup>4</sup>

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1. JULIUS J. MARKE, DEAN’S LIST OF RECOMMENDED READING FOR PRELAW AND LAW STUDENTS, SELECTED BY THE DEANS AND FACULTIES OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS (1958); JULIUS J. MARKE & EDWARD J. BANDER, DEAN’S LIST OF RECOMMENDED READING FOR PRELAW AND LAW STUDENTS, SELECTED BY THE DEANS AND FACULTIES OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS (2d ed. 1984).
  2. JULIUS J. MARKE & RICHARD SLOANE, LEGAL RESEARCH AND LAW LIBRARY MANAGEMENT (1982); JULIUS J. MARKE & RICHARD SLOANE, LEGAL RESEARCH AND LAW LIBRARY MANAGEMENT (rev. ed. 1990).
  3. JULIUS J. MARKE, VIGNETTES OF LEGAL HISTORY (1965); JULIUS J. MARKE, VIGNETTES OF LEGAL HISTORY (2d ser. 1977); JULIUS J. MARKE, VIGNETTES OF LEGAL HISTORY (rev. & enlg. ed. 2000).
  4. A CATALOGUE OF THE LAW COLLECTION AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, WITH SELECTED ANNOTATIONS (Julius J. Marke ed., 1953).

This is a major work in its field and serves as a contribution both of the library and the great university that he served so well for so many years.

¶6 In a 1954 review of this major work, I noted that Professor Marke began his introduction to this work of 1372 pages “with a quotation from Ralph Waldo Emerson who refers to books as imprisoned dear friends, and, though they are eager to unbosom themselves, . . . ‘they must not speak until spoken to.’ Emerson’s thought reminded Mr. Marke of his first interview with Chief Justice Vanderbilt, [then dean of the law school at New York University, who] stressed the need for an annotated catalogue to ‘unlock the treasures’ hidden in the library. . . .”<sup>5</sup>

¶7 Professor Marke quoted Justice Vanderbilt as stating that “the law school would not be performing its full duty to its students until it . . . stimulated the use of the law library in the reading of its treasures. . . .”<sup>6</sup> Inspired by this meeting with this outstanding law dean, later destined to become the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, Professor Marke stated that the purpose of his voluminous work was “to entice and escort the students, alumni and faculty of the school of law into the ‘sacred cities, palaces and temples’ to be found in the books of the law collection at New York University and to unlock the treasures hidden there.”<sup>7</sup> In a review which heaped deserved praise upon this book, I wrote that Professor Marke had “more than succeeded in producing ‘a guide to a working collection of legal material for the law student and legal researcher.’”<sup>8</sup>

¶8 Beyond professional accomplishments and other significant achievements, we can never forget Julius Marke, the human being, as a good person and a loyal friend. He will be missed by all of us who were privileged to have known him, and we will remain grateful to him for having enriched our lives by his friendship. He will remain in our memories, and, although perhaps from different perspectives, Julius Marke will continue to live in our hearts, thoughts, and minds.

¶9 As we bid our final farewell to our friend Julius Marke, we also leave with the hope and prayer that his beloved wife Sylvia and their loved ones will continue to enjoy good health and a long and happy life. As for me, I conclude by saying, “Julius, my friend, God willing, may we meet again one day to continue to enjoy our friendship for all eternity.”

### Norman Redlich\*

¶1 Since learning of the death of Julius Marke, I have been thinking a great deal about the relationship between the dean and a law school’s librarian. I finally rec-

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5. Edward Re, Book Review, 27 TEMP. L.Q. 375, 375 (1954).

6. A CATALOGUE OF THE LAW COLLECTION AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, WITH SELECTED ANNOTATIONS, *supra* note 4, at xiii.

7. *Id.*

8. Re, *supra* note 5, at 378.

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ognized that the secret of Julius Marke's relationship with the deans he served—Arthur Vanderbilt, Russell Niles, Miguel DeCapriles, Robert McKay, and myself—involved something more than the relationship between a dean and the school's librarian. Rather, it was the relationship of a dean to a warm and gentle friend who was strongly dedicated to the law school. Julius Marke was not simply a librarian; he was, in reality, the NYU School of Law Library. From the earliest days in the 1940s, when Julius inherited a library with a few thousand volumes and no card catalog system, he single-handedly became synonymous with one of the great law libraries of the world. He did so because all of the deans, including myself, could be confident that the library was in the best possible hands. And he, and Sylvia, were always members of the law school family.

¶2 Typical of Julius Marke's approach to his job, which included the development of a talented and loyal staff, was his response to a student's question during the course of a seminar that I taught on the subject of legal education. I asked Julius to discuss the role of the library in legal education, and he delivered a fascinating lecture during which he explained how law libraries were initially created—namely, that when lawyers (primarily men) would die leaving many books that widows had no use for, the habit developed to turn over these books to a bar association which was the genesis of organized law libraries. At one point in the discussion, a student asked Julius, "Obviously, the law library is extremely important at our law school, but you have never explained the relationship between you and the dean."

¶3 Julius replied, "I have one conversation per year with the dean, and it relates to my budget. Once I receive my budget allocation, I am expected to handle every problem in the library by myself and with my staff, and never to bother the dean." Each dean who was fortunate enough to have Julius as librarian knew that the library, under his leadership, was in excellent hands.

¶4 This was, indeed, our relationship, which is why, as I stand before you today, I think of Julius primarily as a loyal and devoted friend, one who was so thoroughly committed to the institution he served that I could rely thoroughly on his judgment and skills with regard to what is at the core of the school's mission—its library.

¶5 Julius was fond of telling the story of one of his early encounters with then NYU Dean Arthur Vanderbilt. At that time the library did not have a card catalog system so no one knew exactly what it had and where items were located. Dean Vanderbilt asked Julius to develop a list of the library's volumes in preparation for an upcoming inspection by the American Bar Association. Julius replied that this would be impossible since if he actually prepared the list, it would reveal the inadequacy of the collection. Vanderbilt, in typical style, asked Julius to prepare a list of what a first-rate library would need, and what it would cost. Having prepared the list, Julius was then told by Dean Vanderbilt, "Now go out and buy everything on the list." That was the start of what became one of the leading law libraries in the world, with Julius serving as its librarian from 1948 to his retirement from NYU in 1982.

¶6 To the entire legal education community, the name of Julius Marke became synonymous with the profession of law librarianship. He served as president of the

American Association of Law Libraries, and was undoubtedly the most revered and best known among the coterie of law librarians. So well known was Julius Marke among all librarians that legal educators tended to overlook his scholarly works in the fields of copyright, legal research, and law library management. Nonetheless, in the constitutional law courses I taught at NYU, his book, *Vignettes of Legal History*,<sup>1</sup> was always a valuable source in discussions of our leading constitutional law cases because Julius had the knack of converting judicial opinions into real-life issues, conflicts, and compromises.

¶7 Finally, allow me to describe an event that occurred every year at our law school—an event that was the high point of each year's academic life. It was the annual reception for students who were to be accepted into the Order of the Coif, an honor society that paid special homage to those who were in the top ten percent of the graduating class. Strangely, law schools and other higher education entities give awards for various types of activities, but the one activity to honor students who actually achieved that which the law school should have as its highest goal—academic achievement—is often overlooked. Each year Julius would describe, in minute detail, the history of the Order of the Coif, as only a true legal historian could do.<sup>2</sup> I was always impressed by the fact that the parents of the students to be honored listened intently to Julius' discussion of the English history of the organization to which the sons and daughters of these parents were to be admitted. We, who were teachers, may have been puzzled, and perhaps bored, by this annual legal history performance, but the students and their parents were visibly pleased that our school was honoring students for their academic achievement.

¶8 This was Julius Marke at his best, a devoted faculty member, a legal historian, and, above all, a person who appreciated academic excellence. He, more than any other person, was responsible for raising, through its library, the New York University School of Law to its present level of eminence.

¶9 The entire law school community at NYU is deeply indebted to Julius Marke, and we are all saddened that he will no longer be with us.

### Thomas H. Reynolds\*

¶1 Not infrequently memorials for a deceased colleague are more revealing of the writer than of the one memorialized. This could never be the case with Julius Marke. Though small in stature, he was truly larger than life. Julius is easy to remember; he was articulate (to say the least), and graced with a politician's natu-

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1. JULIUS J. MARKE, *VIGNETTES OF LEGAL HISTORY* (1965); JULIUS J. MARKE, *VIGNETTES OF LEGAL HISTORY* (2d ser. 1977); JULIUS J. MARKE, *VIGNETTES OF LEGAL HISTORY* (rev. & enlg. ed. 2000).

2. *Editor's Note*: Julius J. Marke served as president of the Order of the Coif, New York University School of Law Branch, from 1970 to 1983. AM. ASS'N OF LAW LIBRARIES, *BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY* 264 (5th ed. 1992).

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ral ability at recall and an actor's assurance of his role on the stage of life. Perhaps because Julius was never reluctant to speak out, for himself, or for causes or positions he espoused, we forget just how much he contributed to our profession over several decades. His presentations were important, often beginning inchoately but then moving to a more framed concept centering on the vitality and prestige of law librarianship, sometimes in the form of a humorous anecdote, sometimes in a more direct stance. His own dynamism moved him to take part in what were many of our great debates of the last fifty years. He did not always win, but his voice was always heard.

¶2 Julius was truly one of those people "in at the beginning" or at least very close to it. He was one of the few law librarians who, in the middle of the last century, was able to add "and professor of law" to his title, an advance and recognition that has benefitted all of us. Longevity, of course, counts; it is amazing to contemplate that, fifty years after becoming a professor at New York University Law School, Julius was still with us as "professor emeritus" and, of course, still well regarded by the institutions with which he had been associated.

¶3 As well as larger than life, Julius was truly indefatigable. He wrote a newspaper column for years, taught countless seminars, and was a consultant and bibliographer as well as an administrator. It didn't hurt that he was on the scene when law librarianship was taking off as a discrete profession of its own, and that the Muller pasta fortune came into the hands of the NYU Law School and, eventually, the university during his tenure. His 1953 compilation, *Catalogue of the Law Collection at New York University*,<sup>1</sup> was the first modern American law catalog in printed format. Julius worked very hard on this and pushed strongly to get it published. It was eventually followed by the larger, twenty-eight volume Columbia Law Library catalog,<sup>2</sup> and by the Berkeley/Davis unified catalog,<sup>3</sup> but the Marke compilation was the first; its annotations remained invaluable until only recently supplanted by Morris Cohen's BEAL.<sup>4</sup>

¶4 Julius's entire career, except for three years in the army, was spent in New York City, perhaps extending to Long Island, and yet his influence—in our profession—was nationwide. I did not know him in the 1950s, and yet he must have embarked on writing, teaching, and library administration with the same gusto and humor that he brought to his participation in a Berkeley workshop on environmental sciences and the new biology in 1972. I first got to know Julius and his wife, Sylvia, at this conference and was immediately bowled over—by Julius, that is.

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1. A CATALOGUE OF THE LAW COLLECTION AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, WITH SELECTED ANNOTATIONS (Julius J. Marke ed., 1953).
  2. COLUMBIA UNIV. LAW LIBRARY, DICTIONARY CATALOG OF THE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LAW LIBRARY (1969).
  3. ANGLO-AMERICAN LAW COLLECTIONS: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LAW LIBRARIES BERKELEY AND DAVIS, WITH LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CLASS K ADDED: COMBINED CATALOG (Mortimer D. Schwartz & Dan F. Henke eds., 1970.)
  4. MORRIS L. COHEN, BIBLIOGRAPHY OF EARLY AMERICAN LAW (1998).

Sylvia Marke was a charming and delightful companion, but no one could hold a candle to Julius.

¶5 He could do anything, or if he couldn't, he never told us, and we never knew it. For a time, while law librarian at NYU, he was called upon to be the director of libraries for the entire university. I remember visiting him in the director's eyrie at the top of the Bobst Library's courtyard, a monument to wasted space. He was just as vibrant and at home there as in his smaller, ground floor office in the law school.

¶6 Julius Marke lived a long and productive life. He had an astonishing career, commencing when law librarians were unimportant, if striving appendages, to the general library profession, and when he died, they were well recognized on their own. He contributed greatly to our profession, not least through his three years on the AALL Executive Board and as president in 1962–63. He was, as well, active in the ABA, the AALS, and in the Council of National Library Associations.

¶7 I'll certainly miss Julius, a man who must have had a hundred seersucker suits (strange garb to a Californian), a man of great personal charm, warmth, and wit, with an everlasting fund of jokes and stories (most of which were rarely repeated). When Julius talked to you, he talked to you, never looking beyond for another recipient of his attention; when talking with Julius, I often felt more important and respected than I really was, or even than I thought I was. His was a real presence that we shall not encounter again, and that we shall all miss.

### **Phoebe Ruiz-Valera \***

¶1 "You and I go back over twenty some years, Phoebe," Professor Marke reminded me the last time I spoke with him. We were both attending the AALL Annual Meeting in Baltimore in 1997.

¶2 I think back now to the first time I met Professor Marke. It was 1974 and I was a recent library school graduate with an MLS degree from Rutgers. Young and inexperienced, I was starting my new job as cataloger at New York University School of Law Library. Professor Marke, director of the library, had joined our group of law librarians for a coffee break. I was just getting to know the rest of the library staff and had not met him yet. Mary Chapman, my supervisor and assistant director of cataloging, introduced us. He decided to tell a joke. "A new poodle moved into the neighborhood and all the other dogs wanted to know the poodle's name. Fido, said the poodle and all the other dogs turned up their noses at such a common name. What they didn't know is that it was spelled: P H I D E A U X." He laughed uproariously at his own joke. Some of the librarians looked at him, but I laughed too and suddenly felt very much at ease with this important yet unpretentious person.

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¶3 Those were the days when academic librarians were fighting for faculty status. Professor Marke always supported the endeavors of his staff and believed in promotions from within. He approved a sabbatical for Mary Chapman; he encouraged me to get a second masters (it was free to NYU staff), and I did get an M.A. in linguistics and was later promoted. We were given the chance to assume supervisory roles and responsibilities. I remember when Joe Dottavio, another cataloger, and I wanted an increase in salary and asked to meet with him. We prepared for a long, difficult interview, gathering all kinds of surveys and figures about salaries for librarians with our years of experience and supervisory level. We were going to fight for our request. The whole meeting lasted twenty minutes. "How much do you want? Not a percentage? What's the amount? Okay, it's in the hopper." Both of us were stunned at how simple it had been. It wasn't until later we learned from Mary that he had called her to find out what our request was about. Professor Marke believed in preparation and connections. She told him she knew nothing.

¶4 Professor Marke was knowledgeable, visionary (seeing the bigger picture), and politically active. He was an authority on the Copyright Act of 1976. He was interested in new technology and projects and talked of "coaxial cables" before computers became ubiquitous in libraries. He provided the funds and support necessary to automate cataloging, and so we got BALLOTS (later RLIN). How well I remember the line-by-line displays! It is only fitting that the online catalog at NYU School of Law is named Julius. He was helpful to the university at large, and was held in high regard by its administration as well as by the law school's deans. He was offered the position of dean of libraries at NYU but chose to remain loyal to the law school, even though he did fill in for a year while NYU searched for a new dean of libraries.

¶5 In 1982, the position of chief cataloger became vacant at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Ann Reddy, an institution in her own right, was retiring after thirty years. I applied for that position and Professor Marke recommended me to Tony Grech, the law librarian at the association. A committee interviewed me. At the interview, Mr. Grech said to me: "I know you from somewhere." "The Matthew Bender dinners," I replied. Professor Marke had also recommended me for a Matthew Bender scholarship during my early years at NYU, and Mr. Grech and I had chatted while waiting in the buffet line. I'm sure it was Professor Marke's recommendation that convinced the association to offer me the job.

¶6 Over the years I saw Professor Marke on different occasions: his retirement party from NYU, Kate McKay's funeral, at AALL Annual Meetings. He was always human, politically in touch, interested in all innovations, and humorous. I am grateful for the opportunities and support he provided for my professional development and will never forget him (nor that joke!).

**Leinaala R. Seeger\***

¶1 In the mid-eighties, I was a fledgling academic law librarian, one of the horde of colleagues who knew of and were in awe of Julius Marke's good works, and who admired him—from a distance—as one of the elite *cognoscenti* of our profession. I recall meeting him at my first AALL Annual Meeting in San Francisco in 1979, when Marian Gallagher introduced him to our class of graduates from the University of Washington's Law Librarianship Program. It was always good to see Julius at succeeding meetings, but we were still just nodding acquaintances.

¶2 That was all to change in September 1984, when I became one of the fortunate horde who knew and admired Julius up close and personally. Through the beneficence of Phil Cohen of Oceana Publishers and Professor Anita Steele, founding director of the University of Puget Sound (now Seattle University) Law Library, I found myself joining Oceana's Editorial Board, staff, and three law professors to trek off to China for ten days. The China itinerary revolved around the presentation of a continuing legal education program cosponsored by Oceana and the Legal Affairs Department of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade. My traveling companions read like a "who's who" of our profession: Julius Marke (accompanied by the gracious Sylvia), Ed Bander, Dan Henke, Betty Taylor, Eugene Wypyski (now deceased), and Albert Yen (now deceased). Along with law professors John Honnold (Penn), Andreas Lowenfeld (NYU), and Willem Vis (Pace, now deceased) and their Chinese counterparts, our esteemed colleagues delivered a splendid program to an appreciative audience of Asia-based American and foreign attorneys, as well as Chinese officials and lawyers. Traveling with these luminaries could have been an intimidating, daunting experience, but all of them were accepting, warm, inclusive, and loads of fun.

¶3 Before and after the conference, we traveled to Shanghai, Suzhou, and then Beijing. While we attended the three-day conference and associated social and cultural events, we were also escorted to several factories, bookstores, markets, trade fairs, and the Friendship stores in Beijing. Our adventures developed as we explored China outside of the conference, visiting the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace, the canals and gardens of Suzhou, the Great Wall, and even Maxim's de Paris in Beijing during one free night.

¶4 Traveling and living together for ten days enabled all of us to get to know each other on a personal level, including Julius and Sylvia. Julius wore many hats during this trip, ranging from professional expert in the conference, to astute diplomat when sensitive cultural and political situations called for employment of such skills, to guide for his beloved Sylvia wherever we visited. Sharing those cultural experiences firsthand (for most of us, this was our first trip to China), and then

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recalling and reliving them many times afterwards, created an indelible bond of personal friendship among us all that has endured for nearly twenty years. I cherish getting to know, in small measure, the “man behind the myth.” *Zaijian*, Julius—it was a great journey!

**James G. Sherman\***

¶1 Back in 1978, the AALL Annual Meeting was held in Rochester, New York. I was fresh out of school at that time, attending my first meeting. I was working for the San Fernando Valley College of Law, which wasn't even an ABA-accredited school. Needless to say, I didn't know anybody at the meeting. I remember that out of the blue one day I somehow found myself in a one-on-one conversation with Julius Marke. We sat chatting for quite a while, and I thoroughly enjoyed our conversation. He was really a lot of fun to talk to. I was very impressed that a person of his stature and importance would take time to have a long, friendly conversation with a young whippersnapper from a non-ABA-accredited law school library.

**Betty W. Taylor\*\***

¶1 Julius Marke was among the first librarians I met when attending my first AALL Annual Meeting in Mackinac Island, Michigan, in 1963. The group was limited in numbers so the Grande Hotel accommodated everyone who was registered, and similarly the geographic setting limited travel away from the hotel. Since there were so few of us newcomers, we were recognized immediately and welcomed warmly. In his usual charming manner, Julius, who was AALL president at the time, introduced me to many librarians whom I recognized by name or their publications.

¶2 At nearly every Annual Meeting after that, a group of us who had met at Mackinac would converse about professional activities, publications, technology, and families. Julius was proud of his daughter and her accomplishments, and was especially fond of the twin grandchildren in the later years. He always had photographs that he showed proudly.

¶3 Having been president of AALL, he maintained an active interest in the organization and regularly attended Annual Meetings. Julius could be counted on to present his view of an issue or action item at the AALL business meetings.

¶4 Julius's professional activities are well documented. His compilation of the catalog of New York University's law library collection<sup>1</sup> was a major contribution to law librarianship as it served as a reliable source for acquisitions decisions. The

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annotations proved valuable in making these choices. Our office copy was heavily used and contained small check marks alongside of each entry indicating titles in our collection.

¶5 Over the years Julius and I had many discussions on the impact of technology on printing, publishing, and librarianship, but I feel certain that I did not really convince him of the virtues of word processing, indexing, and the future value of digitization of data or e-mail. Needless, to say, our conversations were spirited. However, he did invite me to give a talk at a program held at St. John's law school on the future for book publishing which was titled "Books vs. Non-Books."

¶6 Julius Marke was the guiding voice of the Oceana Group's Advisory Board of law librarians appointed by Phil Cohen. In addition to the many Advisory Board meetings in Dobbs Ferry and conventions in other cities, the board members enjoyed trips abroad with Phil and Faye Cohen to attend international meetings and to venture forth on sightseeing trips on the side. Groups of about thirty of us would travel on these trips, never to be forgotten. These adventures included Zurich to Budapest, London and environs, Italy, and China. On each occasion Julius, accompanied by his wife Sylvia, would be the energetic one, keeping everyone involved and entertained. Recently, my granddaughter was assigned a project on the Ming Dynasty in China. I retrieved my mementos from that trip and found a photo of Julius and Sylvia dwarfed by a statue of a camel on the Avenue of the Animals outside of the Ming Tombs. Another photo captures Julius standing on a sidewalk in Shanghai, surrounded by a large crowd of people of all ages marveling at a Polaroid camera that took pictures of people and then printed out their photos on paper. Memories of productive meetings and wonderful times together with Julius Marke, one of a kind!

### **Barbara G. Traub\***

¶1 Having worked as a law librarian on a part-time and temporary full-time basis for five years, I was applying for my first full-time, permanent job when I met Julius. My interview at the Rittenberg Law Library at St. John's University School of Law was a whirlwind of tours, introductions, and meetings with all the full-time librarians.

¶2 Then I was taken to meet Julius. I will admit, with some embarrassment, that at the time I did not know of his experience and reputation. As I entered his office and was introduced, he was standing behind his desk, looking at some papers. He looked up, smiled, and said, "So? Do you want the job?" His friendly informality caught me off guard after a day of being "on." Without hesitation, I responded with an emphatic "yes."

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¶3 Thus began my relationship with St. John's and Julius Marke. Throughout the five years that I was privileged to work with him, I grew to respect not only his knowledge and experience, but to appreciate his kind and gentle nature, warmth, good humor, and caring manner. He frequently asked me to help with his research, especially Web-based work, and was always extremely appreciative of such assistance. One of my treasured possessions now is a small gift I received from Julius at holiday time one year to thank me for my help. Did he know how honored I felt to work with *him*?

¶4 Julius never tired of learning and teaching. He always seemed to be looking into something new, and then he shared what he had learned with us all, both formally through his extensive publications and informally in casual conversation. A chance meeting in the hallway often included Julius's excited discussion of his newest book or article. At other times, that excitement was more personal, as when he shared photos of his grandchildren. And perhaps those will be my fondest memories of Julius—a caring family man who reminded me very much of my own father and whose down-to-earth warmth and modesty made you feel comfortable and not intimidated by his vast accomplishments as a scholar, librarian, teacher, and author. He will be sorely missed.